

**REMARKS**

Following entry of the amendment, claims 5, 9, 16, 17, 23, 27, and 36 will remain pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 18-22, 24-26, 28-35, and 37-40 will have been cancelled.

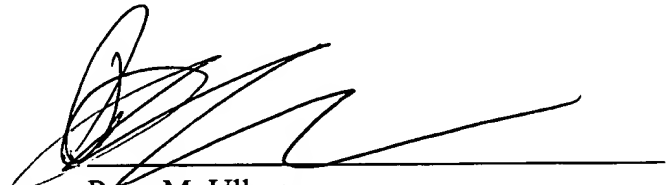
In the June 17, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 9, 16, 17, 23, 27 and 36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have thus amended the claims to rewrite these claims in independent form, and have cancelled all other pending claims without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. (Additionally, as part of the amendment to claim 9, applicants have corrected a typographical error in the spelling of the word "point"; the change in the spelling of this word is not made for any reason related to patentability, and does not affect the scope of claim 9.)

A telephone interview between the undersigned, Examiner Ehichioya, and Primary Examiner Kindred was held on August 11, 2004. Claims 1, 4, 12, 20, 25, 26, 32, and 39 were discussed, in view of the applied prior art references Matsumoto, Ashcraft, and Blickenstaff. However, in view of Applicants' decision to cancel these claims, the interview concerning these claims is moot. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing satisfies the obligation to summarize the interview under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b).

Applicants note that the formal drawings were approved in the October 1, 2003 Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that this case is now in condition for allowance.

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